



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.E.R. Mucci et al. Attorney Docket No.: BARK118326
Application No.: 09/980,471 Group Art Unit: 2836
Filed: March 26, 2002 Examiner: D. Nguyen
Title: SOLAR TILE ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Seattle, Washington 98101
May 28, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. The specification was objected to because of informalities allegedly contained therein by way of an Office Action dated February 28, 2003 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Claims 1, 2, and 6, 7, 9-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 3-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The specification and Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 12-16 are amended as follows:

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	4	-	4	=	0	x	84	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a

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request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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